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## WOMEN AND POVERTY: PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

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Indiana statistics reveal that women are becoming a majority among the ranks of the poor. Recently, there has been increasing pressure to free the United States' economy from the burden of certain welfare programs. As a result, legislators have mainly focused on advantages of cutting welfare expenditures in order to save the taxpayers' money. Given that focus, helping poor women to become financially independent has unfortunately been deemphasized. In this paper, we examine the state of poverty in Indiana in general and women's poverty in specific. Government has implemented several programs to help poor women to free themselves from the depths of poverty. We also critically assess these programs and their effectiveness in eradicating poverty. Our research has led to the discovery of many flaws in the existing welfare programs. These findings can be useful for formulating future government programs to assist the poor women of Indiana more effectively.

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